



K & 1ST AUGUST WEEK 2

BIBLE STORY: Wildest Dreams - Solomon Asks god for Wisdom - 1 Kings 3:4-28

BOTTOM LINE: Trust God to give you wisdom.

MEMORY VERSE: "If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault." James 1:5 NIV

ACTIVITY #1: EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED:

No Supplies Needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive.
- Collect kids' offerings.
- Ask kids the following questions and let them indicate their answers using a variety of movements.
 - » Sit cross-legged if you'd rather eat pretzels instead of chips.
 - » Stand with arms crossed if you'd rather swim in a pool than play at a playground.
 - » Jump three times if you'd rather have ice cream than watermelon.
 - » Clap if you like to sing more than dance.
 - » Run in place if you'd rather run a race instead of going for a walk.
- Invite kids to elaborate on their choices by explaining why they prefer one over the other.
- Add more movements and questions as time allows. Use questions (and come up with others) that help you get to know the kids better.

LARGE GROUP TIME - WORSHIP + LESSON

Please remember to have your group sit together and encourage them to engage in large group time as YOU engage in large group time!

ACTIVITY #2: Pat The Baby

WHAT YOU NEED:

Bible, baby doll

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Hand the doll to one of the kids.
- Hold up a Bible and show kids where today's story is found.
- Tell them that it is found in the first part of the Bible called the Old Testament. It is in the book of 1 Kings.

- Instruct kids to pass the doll around the circle, each taking a turn to gently pat the baby before passing it on.
- Explain that when they hear you say, “That’s my baby,” whoever is holding the doll will answer a question about the Bible story.
 - » What is the name of the man in today’s Bible story who was very wise? (Solomon)
 - » Who was Solomon’s father? (King David)
 - » When Solomon went to Gibeon, how many sacrifices did he offer to God? (1,000)
 - » What did God tell Solomon in a dream? (“Ask me for anything you want me to give you.”)
 - » What did Solomon ask God to give him? (Wisdom)
 - » What did one of the women in the story say was hers when it really wasn’t? (a baby)
 - » Where in the Bible is today’s story found? (Old Testament, 1 Kings)
 - » Why do you think the Bible calls wisdom a “treasure”? (It’s valuable; it’s better than money or other expensive things.)
 - » What book contains God’s wise words? (Bible)
 - » Who can we ask to help us be wise? (God, parents, others who know and love God)
- If time allows, ask kids to tell the group about a good choice they made recently and why they think it was wise.

ACTIVITY #3: Run To The Word For Wisdom

WHAT YOU NEED:

Bibles with bookmarks

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the Bibles at one end of your small group area and ask kids to sit in a line at the opposite end.
- Read one of the scenarios below and prompt kids to share what they think would be the wisest thing to do or say if they were in that situation.
- Next, ask the first kid in line to “Run to the Word for Wisdom” by hurrying to the pile of Bibles, finding the one with the red bookmark (red corresponds with the first scenario below), then running back.
- Ask the first kid to hand the Bible to the next kid in line who should open it to the correct page and read the verse (if able) or hand it to you to read.
- Let kids share how that verse gives them wisdom about what to do. Did the ideas they shared earlier go along with the wisdom found in this verse?
- Direct the first kid to run to the end of the line.
- Repeat for each of the scenarios.
 - » You broke your brother’s favorite toy, but he’ll be really mad at you if you tell him you did it. What would be the wise thing to do? (Red—Colossians 3:9a)
 - » Your mom tells you to clean your room before dinner, but you know she won’t really check to see if you did it. What would be the wise thing to do? (Blue—Ephesians 6:1)
 - » There’s a new girl in your small group. You don’t really like to talk to people you don’t know, but she looks like she’s not comfortable being in the group. What would be the wise thing to do? (Green—Luke 6:31)
 - » You love your little sister, but sometimes she gets on your nerves and you don’t want to play with her or be nice to her. What would be the wise thing to do? (Yellow—Galatians 6:9a)
 - » Your best friend got mad at you and said some mean things. You want to say mean things back. What would be the wise thing to do? (White—1 Peter 3:9a)

TAKEAWAY TIME ASK:

1. WHAT DID YOU LEARN?
2. HOW CAN YOU USE THIS IN YOUR LIFE?

HIGHS + LOWS ASK:

1. WHAT WAS YOUR HIGH/BEST MOMENT FROM THE PAST WEEK?
2. WHAT WAS YOUR LOW/WORSE MOMENT FROM THE PAST WEEK?

ANOTHER MODIFICATION IS “MAD, SAD, GLAD”

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

PRAY TOGETHER AS A CLASS FOR EACH PRAYER REQUEST + EMPOWER THE KIDS TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER. BE SURE TO WRITE THESE PRAYER REQUESTS DOWN AND FOLLOW UP WITH KIDS THE NEXT WEEK.